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VIGILANCE CELLS IN MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vigilance cells exist in the departments particularly in the departments of customs and central excise;

(b) if so, criteria fixed for conducting inquiry into complaints by these cells;

(c) whether any time limit is fixed for conducting inquiry into any complaints lodged by VIPs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective steps taken by the Government for early disposal of the complaints?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)& (b) Yes,Sir. Vigilance cells exist in both the Boards viz. Central Board of Excise & Customs and Central Board of Direct Taxes which enquire into all verifiable complaints having vigilance angle.

(c) & (d) Steps are taken to comply with Central Vigilance Commission`s guidelines which prescribe that investigations into all complaints to be completed within six months from receipt of the same. Nature of complaints, number of persons to be examined, places and locations to be visited during enquiry, and the scrutiny of the ecords and information etc. determine the actual time to complete an enquiry into a complaint.

(e) Pending complaints are monitored and periodical review is conducted. Special drives are also carried out from time to time for early disposal of complaints.